

Training the Next Generation...



Our 2011 interns have arrived! The Florida Family Policy Council Annual Summer Legal Internship Program has begun and for six weeks, two law students and one graduate level student will be working full time out of our Orlando office. These three students will receive intense hands on training, mentoring and a full immersion of all that we do here at your Florida Family Policy Council.

Each of these students will eventually end up working to advance the values you and I cherish, right here in Florida. The 2011 legal interns are from left to right below, **Brian Giaquinto** (Liberty University

Law School); **Daniella Palmiotto** (Notre Dame Law School); and **Rachel Jalila Massri** (University of Central Florida, Middle Eastern Studies).



Every summer we take applications, interview and then select a handful of students for this intense internship experience that includes challenging legal research projects, significant legislative training, individual mentoring, conferences and rich content regarding the interaction of faith, law, media, elections and government. *In just the first week with us*, they observed a Fox News TV interview I did; they have done extensive legal research; attended the National Right to Life conference in Jacksonville; heard

presidential candidates speak live; observed me testifying before the Orange County Commission on a domestic partnership proposal and met with a key state legislator to discuss strategy for defeating casino gambling in the next legislative session.

Here are just a few of the very important and strategic projects our interns are working on this summer:

- **Adoption Reform Research**- for a state legislator who will file a bill to change existing adoption laws to make adoptions easier and less expensive.
- **Right to Refuse Project**- research the rights of minor girls to refuse an abortion when parents try to force them to abort and help assemble a rapid response kit for other lawyers in Florida. (Just yesterday we received our fifth request for help in 3 months from a minor in this situation)
- **Judicial Activism**- researching Florida cases in which judges exceeded their authority and created law instead of interpreted the law in preparation for the judicial voter guides of 2012.
- **U.S. Supreme Court Justices**- researching current positions of USSC Justices on abortion, “privacy rights” and *Roe v. Wade*.
- **Clean Hotels Project**- researching and indexing Florida hotels that do not sell pornography in rooms, for widespread publication online.
- **Creation of Two Non-Profit Organizations**- Assisting me with the completion of applications for 501c3 non-profit status for two local churches and ministries.



In addition to daily interaction regarding projects we are working on, I personally invest several hours of my time every Friday afternoon in mentoring sessions which include prayer, project reports, debating ethical issues, asking and answering tough questions, and discussing their reading assignments: the *A Christian Manifesto* by Francis Schaefer and *Humility* by Andrew Murray.

Pray for each intern by name (**Brian Giaquinto, Daniella Palmiotto and Rachel Massri**) and that God would touch, challenge and shape their lives, careers and vocational calling forever through this unique experience. Thank you again for your faithful support.

Sincerely, **John Stemberger** President